



Calderdale FHS Newsletter

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Project update

We have started the new project to transcribe details provided by Lawrence Undertakers of Halifax for the years 1935 to the mid-1980s.

This will provide details of all the funerals that they dealt with over that period. This is a much underused resource for family historians, as it provides all types of information not normally encountered in other documents. As well as the standard detail of name, address and age, they also provide place of death, place of interment and, quite often, a record of relatives and lists of mourners at the funeral.

The source documents also give details of many other things connected with the funeral such as type of coffin, number of bearers and a host of financial information, none of which we will be transcribing. However, if you find an entry of interest, you will be able to request a copy of the original document when you will see everything that was recorded for that funeral.

We hope that this fascinating archive of information will help you in your research, particularly as it covers a time period that is notoriously difficult to get details for, being earlier than present memory but later than 100 years ago, the usual cut-off period for research data.

Online database—change of password

On Friday 27 October, a member identified what has been termed a “Data Breach” on the Society’s Online Database and promptly reported it to us. Thanks are due to that member for her prompt action on this.

Whilst it is likely that no corruption of data has been caused and our security systems identified the problem immediately, we have addressed this by changing the password needed to get on to the Online Database from the Members Area of our Society website.

Those of you who use the system will know that the current password is displayed on the website page that introduces you to the OLDB. This display has been changed to a new password which you will need to use to access the OLDB the next time you want to use it.

A “Data Breach” is caused by an unauthorised user gaining access to a passworded computer site with the potential to steal data and use it for their own purposes. Stolen information is then “traded” on the dark web for financial gain. This is useful to them if the data concerned is personal or commercially valuable, so it is unlikely that such access to our OLDB will be of much benefit to them. Nevertheless, we have changed the password immediately to limit any further potential unauthorised access.

If you have any concerns or queries on this matter, please contact systems@cfhsweb.com



Dates for the Diary

Hybrid meeting—Thursday
23 November 2023 at 7.30 pm

Maurice Jagger Centre, Lister Street, off
Winding Road, Halifax

'Tellin' t' Tale', a talk by Rod Dimbleby

As Chairman of the Yorkshire Dialect Society Council, Rod Dimbleby is more than well qualified to offer a broad and often fascinating insight into the Yorkshire dialect and its evolution over many centuries in "God's Own Country".

"Tellin' t' Tale" will include stories and poems, mainly in Yorkshire dialect, which will undoubtedly test the audience's knowledge of our "native twang". And to compliment the presentation, there will also be musical interludes (nothing too modern!), courtesy of Rod's wife, Pam.

Admission £1 (Members free)

Contact us

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Talk given by Jackie Depelle—26 October 2023—summary of information

Our Society received an excellent talk from Jackie Depelle, a member of the society and a well-respected professional in the Genealogy field on "Family Houses & Local History Sources before 1837". Part of this involved a handout of a summary of sources that she discussed in the talk.

Whilst this is too long to include in a monthly newsletter, it will be given in the December Scrivener. However, if you would like a copy earlier than that, please Email John Barraclough at publicity@cfhsweb.com who will send you one.

Appeal for Statistics Coordinator

For the past few years, Maggie Berry has fulfilled the role of Statistics Coordinator for the Society. Sadly, due to ill health, she has had to step down after a long term of sterling service for the Society. Our thanks to her and best wishes for a steady recovery in health.

This means that we are looking for a volunteer to be the custodian of the Society's various statistics that are used by the Committee to make a number of decisions. Although an important task, it is not particularly time consuming and involves receiving various sets of figures from a number of Society officials and formulating them into a report that is considered every other month by the Committee.

All those records are held on an MSEXcel spreadsheet, so any member who has used MSEXcel before will easily be able to handle it.

We would like a volunteer who has around ½ hr per month to spare to step forward. You would also be asked to operate an Email address, in addition to your own, of stats@cfhsweb.com

If you would like to handle this role, please contact Peter Lord at systems@cfhsweb.com who will give you all the necessary detail.